

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 -23 (canceled)

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Claim 24 (new) A method of applying microdots as identifier labels to an article, said method comprising providing a container having a body containing a plurality of predetermined microdots therein and a base fluid into which the microdots are mixed to form a mixture, said container also having a discharge part coupled to the body, said discharge part having a passage with an inlet portion and a discharge portion, the inlet portion being releasably coupled to a supply of dynamic fluid and the passage being in communication with the mixture, and feeding dynamic fluid from the supply through the passage so that the dynamic fluid flowing through the passage draws the mixture from the container body into the passage for discharge through the discharge portion for application to the article.

Claim 25 (new) A method according to claim 24, wherein the mixture is applied to a single discrete article.

Claim 26 (new) A method according to claim 25, comprising the steps of disconnecting the inlet portion of the container discharge part from the supply of dynamic fluid after application of the mixture to the single article, and disposing the container consisting of the body and the discharge part.

Claim 27 (new) A method according to claim 24, wherein the labels are discrete to the particular article to which they are applied, and the container consisting of the body and discharge part is disposed after use whereby subsequent coupling of supply of dynamic fluid to the inlet portion of a further such container with discrete labels for application to a further article can be accomplished substantially without contamination with labels discrete to the first-mentioned article.

Claim 28 (new) A method according to claim 26 or claim 27, wherein the discharge part of the container is releasably coupled to the container body and microdots are supplied in the body of the container.

Claim 29 (new) A method according to claim 28, wherein the microdots and base fluid are supplied in the body of the container as a prepackaged mixture.

Claim 30 (new) A method according to claim 28, wherein the microdots are supplied prepackaged in the container body and the base fluid is subsequently added prior to application.

Claim 31 (new) A method according to claim 27, wherein the supply of dynamic fluid includes a structure from which the container is releasably supported, the structure including an activation device actuatable to cause discharge of the dynamic fluid into the passage.

Claim 32 (new) A method according to claim 31, comprising holding the structure in the hand to manipulate the container for discharge of the mixture from the discharge portion onto the article and actuating the activation device by means of the hand.

Claim 33 (new) A method of applying microdots as discrete identifier labels to respective articles, said method comprising providing a first container having a body containing a plurality of predetermined microdots therein discrete to a first article and adhesive fluid into which the microdots are mixed to form a mixture, said container also having a discharge part coupled to the body, said discharge part having a passage with an inlet portion and a discharge portion, the passage being in communication with the mixture in the body, releasably coupling the inlet portion of the passage to the outlet of a supply of air as a dynamic fluid,

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feeding air through the passage from the air supply so that the air flowing through the passage causes the mixture to be displaced from the container body into the passage for discharge through the discharge portion for application to the first article, and when application to the first article has been completed, disconnecting the inlet portion of the discharge part from the air supply outlet and disposing of the first container consisting of body and discharge part of the second container to the said outlet of the air supply to discharge the mixture for application to the second article, and, when application to the second article has been completed, disconnecting the inlet portion of the discharge part, and providing a second like container having a body containing a plurality of a predetermined microdots therein discrete to a second article and adhesive fluid into which the microdots are mixed to form a mixture, releasably coupling the inlet portion of the discharge part of the second container from the air supply outlet and disposing of the container body and discharge part of the second container body, wherein application of the discrete microdots to the respective articles can be accomplished without contamination with microdots from a preceding application using the same air supply.

Claim 34 (new) A method according to claim 33, wherein the air supply outlet is a part of a structure from which the container is releasably supported, the structure including a valve actuable to cause discharge of the air into the passage.

Claim 35 (new) A method according to claim 33, comprising holding the structure in the hand so as to support and manipulate the container for application of the mixture to different parts of the article and operating the valve by means of the hand.

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